

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 27 and 29 through 34 and 36 remain in this application. Claims 28 and 35 have been canceled. Claims 1, 7, 20, 22, 23, 30 and 36 have been amended.

Rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-6, 16-21, 23-25, 27 and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102 and/or 103 over cited prior art. However the Office Action indicated that the prior art of record does not disclose “relating the drop precedence in the buffer of the downstream node to the drop precedence in at least a portion of a buffer in the upstream node.” As such, this element has been added to the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 240-5324.

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